



## BLOCS Youth Development Certificate

### Fact Sheet

BLOCS (Building Louisville's Out of School Time) is a partnership between Metro United Way, Louisville Metro Government, Louisville Alliance for Youth and Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS). BLOCS is sponsoring this continuing education certificate program in partnership with JCTC (Jefferson Community and Technical College).

The trainings offered are based on six Core Competency Skill Areas. The six core competencies and hours needed in each competency are: Involve and empower youth (10), Develop positive relationships with youth (12), Design and implement meaningful programming (12), Promote wellness and Safety (10), Engage Community in Youth Dev. Practices (8) and Practice professionalism (8).

- Training flyers are announced by email at least twice a month from BLOCS or Youth Development. If you are not currently receiving this information, please sign up at [oydtrainings@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:oydtrainings@louisvilleky.gov).
- Look for the Core Competency Skill Areas on each training flyer to keep track of which hours you still need in certain areas.
- This youth development certificate will consist of sixty seat hours of trainings provided by BLOCS or the Office of Youth Development.
- A seat hour is defined as the amount of time you sit in training. A two hour training would be considered two seat hours.
- Anyone who works directly with youth in a paid or volunteer capacity is eligible to apply for this certificate program.
- There will be no cost for this program for the first two years.
- Must have a completed application on file to receive credit. If you have not completed an application, blank ones are available at each training or you may scan and email a completed form to [oydtrainings@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:oydtrainings@louisvilleky.gov).
- Must be present at the beginning and stay to the end of each training to receive credit.
- Must sign in prior to training and initial at the end of each training.
- Those unable to stay or arrive late will not receive training credit that day but is still able to attend.

Contact the Office of Youth Development if you have questions about trainings at 502-574-0854 or [oydtrainings@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:oydtrainings@louisvilleky.gov).